

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

It has been recognized that what is needed is a method for ~~perform~~ performing efficient, highly accurate radio frequency circuit simulation. Broadly speaking, the present invention fills these needs by providing a method and device for multi-interval Chebyshev collocation. It should be appreciated that the present invention can be implemented in numerous ways, including as a process, an apparatus, a system, a device or a method. Several inventive embodiments of the present invention are described below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The Gear methods are implicit in only "one-point-at-a-time". They are called one-stage methods. At each timepoint, for a method of order p , the solution vector at only $p + 1$ points is involved, and if p previous timepoints are known, a nonlinear system of size N must be solved to find the solution at the next timepoint. Each step of a shooting method involves the factorization of the circuit Jacobian matrix. Because this matrix is usually very sparse, it can be factored with few fill-ins, in nearly $O(N)$ time. The order of polynomial approximation p is usually fixed at a ~~low~~ low value, and increased accuracy is obtained by locally changing the timesteps based on estimates of the truncation errors induced by the order- p polynomial approximation. Note that higher-order Gear methods can not be used at points after C^0 or sharp-transition points because approximation of the differential operator using a p -order Gear method involves p preceding points. Higher-order approximation across C^0 points or sharp-transition points leads to oscillation of the solution and makes the

solution even less accurate than a first-order solution. A similar problem occurs if the timestep ratios are changed too rapidly.